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Sizzler Jen's stocking up

■ **SEXY** Jennifer Ellison came home from a Christmas shopping trip to New York with some tasty stocking fillers – for herself. The sizzling actress admits her secret weakness is buying naughty undies. ■ And with the exchange rate so favourable at the moment, she managed to

■ **by NIGEL PAULEY** get more skimpies for her dollars in the Big Apple. ■ The bubbly Scouser, 21, admitted: "I went mad recently and spent £1,000 in one afternoon. I love classy, lacy stuff." And the sight of her wearing it is a top festive treat.

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Warden in axe terror

A MOTORIST who swung an axe inches from a traffic warden's face was yesterday jailed for 32 months.

Robert Rayment, 32, of Blackfield, near Southampton, admitted affray. The warden has since quit his job, Southampton Crown Court heard.

Goodnight to snoring

DOCTORS claim to have invented a cure for snoring.

Boffins in Norway found that stiffening the roof of the mouth with tiny threads stops vibrations that cause snoring.

The procedure does not hurt and leaves no scar.

DRUNK DRIVER, 13

Lout crashes stolen car after TWO road bans



A SCHOOLBOY tearaway was yesterday branded Britain's youngest drink-driver - aged just 13.

Police who arrested the lout were stunned to find he had already been banned from driving TWICE before.

The 13-year old yob, who cannot be named for legal

■ by JOHN MAHONEY

reasons, sparked a dramatic police chase when officers caught him behind the wheel of a stolen Ford Mondeo last month.

Smashed

They arrested him after the motor hit a kerb and they found he was slightly over the alcohol limit of 80mg. A passenger in the car ran off.

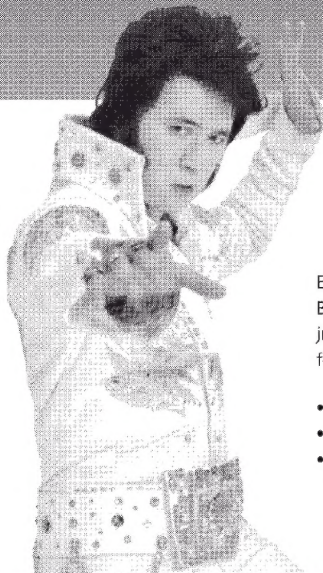
Yesterday the teenager appeared before magistrates in Salford, Gtr Manchester, and admitted driving with excess alcohol, aggravated vehicle taking, driving while disqualified and having no insurance.

The case was adjourned for reports until next month.

A spokesman for road safety charity Brake said: "This case highlights the problem of young drink-drivers causing havoc on our roads."

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Mel's tot of gold

DAILY STAR golden girl Melinda Messenger is offering hundreds of new-born babies an early Christmas present - the chance to take part in the 2012 Olympics if London's bid succeeds.

Mum Mel - pictured with new-born Milo - backed a pledge to give every child born yesterday (i.e. 20th day of the 12th month) a role in the games. To register a tot, email: childrenspromise@london2012.com

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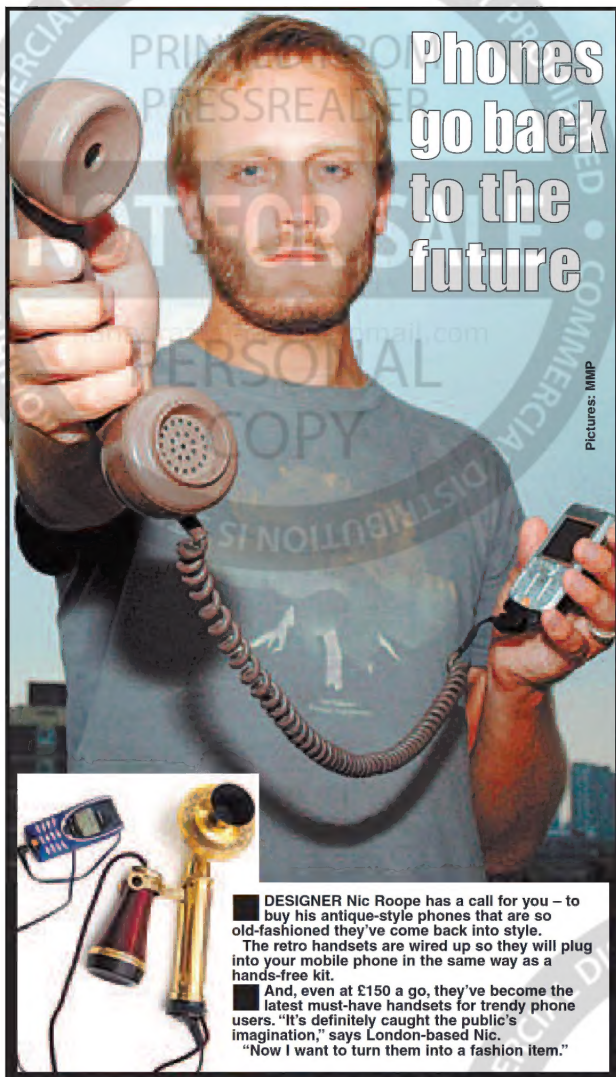
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Phones go back to the future

DESIGNER Nic Roope has a call for you – to buy his antique-style phones that are so old-fashioned they've come back into style. The retro handsets are wired up so they will plug into your mobile phone in the same way as a hands-free kit. And, even at £150 a go, they've become the latest must-have handsets for trendy phone users. "It's definitely caught the public's imagination," says London-based Nic. "Now I want to turn them into a fashion item."

Pictures: MMP

MONEY MAN NICKED £9m FOR BETTING

AN accountant stole £9million from his company to fund his gambling habit.

Wing Kit Chu, 32, used colleagues' passwords to log on to his firm's computers and authorise massive payments to his gambling account.

The finance expert withdrew almost £9m in three days as he placed bets on whether shares on the stock exchange would go up or down in price.

His losing streak lasted five years before auditors spotted the missing millions at engineering firm Charter Plc.

Jailed

The £9m he nicked up to June this year was double that taken by City secretary Joyti De-Laurey, 35, who was jailed for seven years in July for stealing from her bosses at Goldman Sachs.

At Southwark Crown Court,



CITY THIEF: De-Laurey

by JAMES WICKHAM

Wing admitted 28 charges of theft and asked for 74 others to be considered.

The court heard he was able to wire the funds directly into his gambling account in his bosses' names.

At the end of his losing run, there was just £300,000 left of the massive sum.

He and his wife moved into a £600,000 home in Farnham Common, Bucks, a few months before his arrest.

Wing vanished after auditors started asking questions, leaving an e-mail which read: "I am sorry I have let you all down."

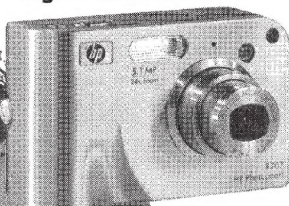
He turned himself in to police early in September after three weeks on the run.

Caroline English, defending, told the court Wing was a "pathological" gambler.

He was remanded in custody and will be sentenced next month.

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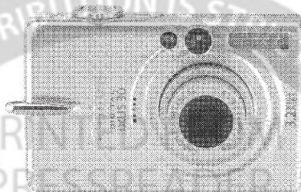
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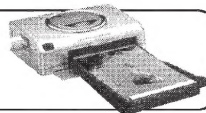
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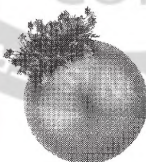
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Ian pulls his Xmas cracker

IT'S a really happy Christmas for EastEnders Ian Beale as he ends up under the covers with Jane Collins.

As our pictures show, after weeks of flirting at the café the pair finally share a night of passion on Christmas Day.

Fans will see Ian (Adam Woodyatt, 38) and Jane (Laurie Brett, 35) waking up together on Boxing Day.

But there could be trouble ahead, as Jane tries to deal with the guilt of cheating on her sick husband David.



SLAPPY



by EMILY ROSE

THE New Year wedding in Emmerdale ends in uproar with guests fighting in the church.

A plot by Sadie King leads to her dad-in-law Tom rejecting his bride Charity Tate at the altar.

He will refuse to take his vows after seeing compromising pictures of Charity (Emma Atkins, 29) groping ex-lover Cain Dingle (Jeff Hordley, 36).

And when businessman Tom (Ken Farrington, 68) blurts out in church that his bride has been sleeping with her cousin, all hell

PLOTTER: Scheming Sadie, left, sets up bride Charity

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Tearful exit for crazy Karen

THESE are the emotional scenes as Karen McDonald leaves Coronation Street for the last time.

She survives a rooftop catfight with love rival Tracy Barlow but gets booted out on Boxing Day by husband Steve, who can't take any more of her deranged behaviour.

He's had enough after Karen (Suranne Jones, 25) steals the motor he won on a TV show, with his baby Amy in the back.

Packs

Steve (Simon Gregson, 30) and Amy's mum Tracy think the tot is dead when Karen, devastated by her miscarriage, torches the people-carrier.

Tracy (Kate Ford, 27) and Karen have a dramatic showdown on the roof of Mike Baldwin's factory.

But Steve can't forgive his mad missus.

Tearful Karen packs and takes a final look at the Street before she is driven off. A Corrie insider said: "It's an emotional exit for Karen as she makes her last walk down the cobbles."

LAST GOODBYE: Karen takes a final look down Coronation Street before leaving in a taxi, right, after her showdown with rival Tracy, below



Curtis tackles racists

BLACK Harchester United stars will face a barrage of monkey chants when TV's Dream Team tackles racism in football.

In an episode of the Sky One series next year, striker Curtis Alexander (Chuckie Venice) will be among the hate victims.

A show spokeswoman said: "We are filming a story about racism within football which will be shown early next year."

"Harchester United players will come under attack and we will show it affects them."

"It's an issue which has been in the headlines and Dream Team likes to tackle real-life situations."



NEW YEAR

Charity's wedding ends in punch-up

breaks loose. His sons Jimmy (Nick Miles, 37) and Carl (Tom Lister, 26) confront Cain and his Uncle Zak (Steve Halliwell, 50) and a vicious punch-up breaks out.

Snog

But it's all a set-up because Sadie (Patsy Kensit, 36) doesn't want ex-hooker Charity to get her hands on Tom's millions.

The plot takes shape on January 4 when Sadie pays Cain to walk up to Charity and snog her in the street.

Disgusted Charity pushes him away - but not before a private detective has taken some compromising photos.

Then evil Sadie presents the "evidence" to Tom on the day of the wedding.

There are murmurs among the villagers as

Tom fails to arrive at the church. But he eventually waltzes in.

An insider said: "The ceremony begins but the congregation is shocked when Tom announces that Charity has been seeing someone else."

Brawl

"She pleads her innocence but Tom refuses to listen and a brawl breaks out between the Kings and the Dingles."

"As the mayhem continues, Charity insists to Tom that she has been set up, begging him to go through with the wedding."

But it's too late as Tom storms out of the church.



GROPE: Evil Cain Dingle

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Bliss
hotby KERRI O'NEILL
Daily Star Fashion Editor

SLIP into these red-hot undies to turn yourself into the cracker that every fella will be wanting to pull.

The hot new Camelia range from high street giant Bhs is just the thing to get festivities off to a storming start.

Dazzling Danish model Malene Espensen shows off just what they can do for you by turning on the style big time.

Like 24-year-old Malene, it would be hard not to feel good about these sexy undies. In fact, they're the perfect pick-me-up any woman needs.

Busty Malene tells us she has to work hard to stay in condition to model frillies like this to perfection.

And you can steal her style tips too. Add an eye-popping uplift bra or a fabulous flash of flesh and you know you're on to a winner. If you want to turn up the glitz between the sheets, sexy black and pink is always a good choice.

It's very glamorous and also stirs up images of old-style Hollywood, which is such a popular look right now. It smacks of being sumptuously stylish.

Magical Malene is not the only one to be getting a gorgeous makeover.

The Bhs chain is about to get a multi-million pound re-vamp making its shops some of the best around.

The firm's flamboyant boss Philip Green is promising a glitzy facelift for 50 stores across the country, plus upmarket clothing lines that shoppers won't be able to resist.

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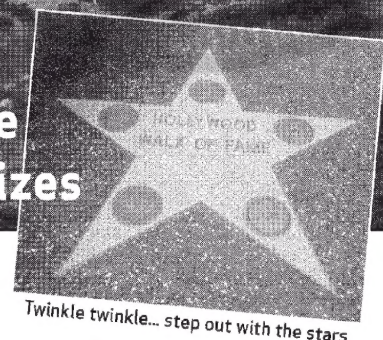
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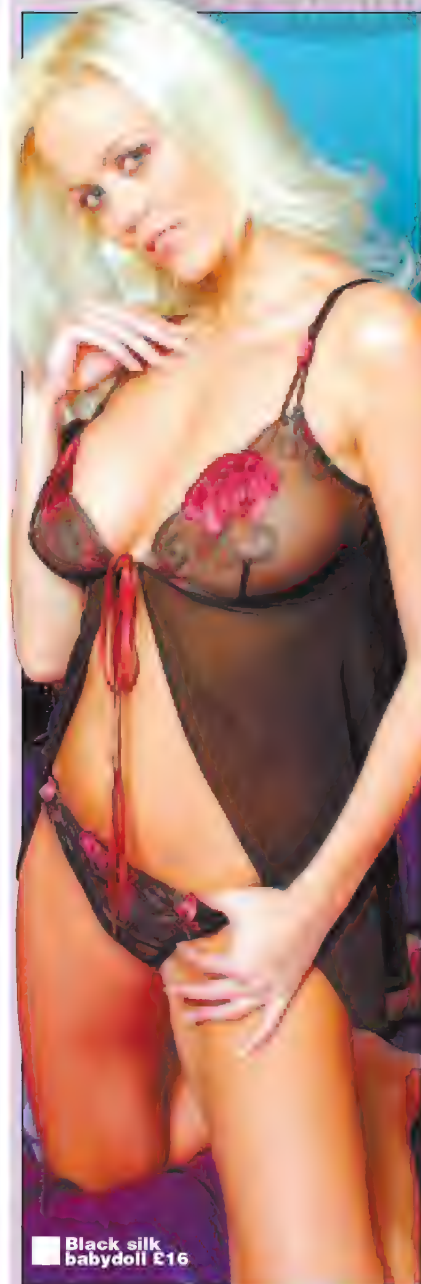
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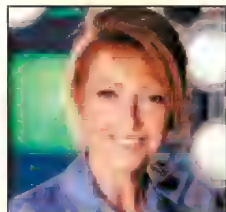
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- 6.00 BREAKFAST** (T) 612529. 9.00 CBBC: The Woody Woodpecker Show (Rpt) (T) 7279334. 9.20 The Basil Brush Show (Rpt) (T) 8632605. 9.45 Second Star To The Left (Rpt) (T) 768063. 10.15 The Story Of Tracy Beaker (Rpt) (T) 7567315. 10.30 Taz-Mania (Rpt) (T) 3552191. 10.50 Film: D2: The Mighty Ducks (1995) (See Guide) 64603402.
- 12.30 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES** Sitcom about a snobbish, upwardly mobile housewife. A riverside picnic doesn't go quite according to plan (Rpt) (T) 67421.
- 1.00 BBC NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 89792.
- 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** 22035137.
- 1.45 CASH IN THE ATTIC** Series looking at the value of household junk. Former nurse Audrey Rook tries to raise money to restore her dilapidated garden to its former glory (Rpt) (T) 909727.
- 2.15 FILM: MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND** (1996) (See Guide) 471570.
- 3.45 FILM: REMEMBER THE TITANS** (2000) (See Guide) 875537.
- 5.30 OPEN ALL HOURS** Sitcom. Granville tries to shed his old image with the help of some snappy threads and sunglasses, complete with a medal made from a cocoa tin lid (Rpt) (T) 711.
- 6.00 BBC NEWS** (T) 624.
- 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 976.
- 7.00 WATCHDOG** Consumer magazine hosted by Nicky Campbell and Julie Bradbury, with reporters Paul Heiney and Saima Mohsin. Three more companies are in the dock for selling customers short (T) 6247.
- 7.30 EASTENDERS** Paul comes under increasing pressure as Andy's plans change. Sam is forced to make Den an offer that he can't refuse. A stranger gives Andy an ultimatum (T) 860.
- 8.00 HOLBY CITY** As the Christmas spirit takes hold, Tricia (Sharon Maughan) decides to spring a surprise on Maggie, but opens old wounds. Mubbs' efforts to win back Rosie are complicated when his father is rushed into hospital (T) 1889.
- 9.00 COPS, ROBBERS AND VIDEOTAPE** Documentary examining policing methods. Just 100,000 persistent offenders commit half of Britain's five million crimes. In Burnley, Lancashire, 80% of burglaries are committed by just 40 criminals. The Lancashire cops are cracking down on those who break and enter and have set up a new squad of plain clothes officers who identify, target and arrest their worst offenders (T) 4353.
- 10.00 BBC NEWS** (T) 41995.
- 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** 411624.
- 10.35 SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME** Series following some of Bristol's hard-pressed social workers as they go about their challenging daily work. At the hospital, Jo has to work with a father who the police believe may have shaken his baby. The duty team in north Bristol is in crisis, with some of the team having twice as many cases as their managers would like. After 16 years in the job, the pressure becomes too much and duty team manager Frances decides to call it a day (T) 111537.
- 11.15 FILM: WITNESS** (1985) (See Guide) 835421. 1.05 Film: The Satanic Rites Of Dracula (1973) (See Guide) 3730716. 2.35 See Hear 3376261. 3.20 Family Contract (Rpt) (T) 5491938. 4.20 Seemed Like A Good Idea At The Time (Rpt) (T) 72069463. 4.50-6.00 BBC News 24 6648613.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS: Wales -10.35 Bread Of Heaven With Huw Edwards: The Debate 102899. 11.20 Someone To Watch Over Me 527808. 12.00 Film: Witness (1985) (See Guide) 799025. 1.50 Film: The Satanic Rites Of Dracula (1973) (See Guide) 1951700.

- 7.00 CBEEBIES** 8455155. 9.00 A History Of Britain By Simon Schama (Rpt) (T) 91666. 10.00 Seven Wonders Of The Industrial World (Rpt) (T) 2303841. 10.50 Who Do You Think You Are? (Rpt) 1089044. 11.45 The Good Life (Rpt) (T) 746841. 12.15 Film: A Damsel In Distress (1937) (See Guide) 623841.
- 1.55 FILM: SKY WEST AND CROOKED** (1966) (See Guide) 25819334. 3.35 Get A New Life. Cate and Sean Denson and their three children have relocated to New Zealand. The family meet up with some old friends (T) 5731976. 4.35 Ready Steady Cook (T) 3023063. 5.20 Weakest Link (T) 9957686. 6.05 Flog It! Paul Martin visits members of the public at Airport House in Croydon (Rpt) (T) 451624.
- 7.05 FILM: ZULU DAWN** (1979) (See Guide) 64072179.



SURPRISE: Tricia, BBC1, 8pm

- 9.00 GRUMPY OLD WOMEN AT CHRISTMAS** Grumblers include Sheila Hancock, Linda Robson, Germaine Greer and Ann Widdecombe (T) 2995.
- 10.00 PORRIDGE** Fletcher is admitted to hospital with a broken ankle (Rpt) 49537.
- 10.30 NEWSNIGHT** (T) 857792. 11.20 Design For Life 582686. 11.50 Painting Flowers 731150. 12.20 Film: Ralcataur (1999) (See Guide) 1048716. 1.50 Jools Holland (Rpt) 2238551. 2.55 BBC News 24 237272. 4.50-7.00 Close

- 6.10 THE HOOBOS** 5440711. 7.00 B4 5191044. 7.25 Friends (Rpt) 5194131. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond (T) 1328131. 8.25 King Of Queens 8732808. 8.55 Christmas In Popworld 2004 2629082. 9.25 Britney's Greatest Hits 8648266. 9.55 Friends (Rpt) 9039605. 10.55 Big Brother Panto 9543315. 11.25 Big Brother Panto Live (T) 7148353. 11.55 Film: Sinbad And The Eye Of The Tiger (1977) (See Guide) 89249773. 2.00 Film: Jack The Giant Killer (1961) (See Guide) 354334. 3.45 Countdown (T) 2266570. 4.30 Richard & Judy (T) 16686. 5.30 The Simpsons (T) 421.

- 6.00 THE SIMPSONS** (T) 334. 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) 686. 7.00 News (T) 920624. 7.55 3 Minute Wonder: Flash Back 449063.
- 8.00 WIFE SWAP** 4599.
- 9.00 THE HEIST** The team must attempt to kidnap a racehorse and negotiate a ransom (T) 7063.
- 10.00 TEACHERS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** The school is trashed after the Christmas party 7007266.
- 11.05 THE SEX INSPECTORS** (T) 977173. 11.55 Peep Show (Rpt) (T) 942889. 12.30 Distraction (Rpt) (T) 94280. 1.00 Film: You Can Count On Me (2000) (See Guide) 818025. 2.50 Freeports 4113803. 3.20 KOTV (T) 6226261. 4.10 Demolition Day (T) 3350025. 5.10-6.10 Zero To Hero 3231735.

S4C As Channel 4 except: 7.00 Triongli 28515179. 7.15 Pingu 58717824. 7.30 Panto 26342044. 8.00 Bayblade 73245605. 8.50 Waaal! 73137841. 9.00 Film: The Muppeteaters Manhattan (1984) 6364931. 10.40 Film: Harry And The Hendersons (1987) 38203773. 12.45 Big Brother Panto 46351063. 1.15 Big Brother Panto Live 46350976. 1.45 A Place In The Sun 20642808. 2.45 Beyond River Cottage 46348599. 4.00 Clink West 57287247. 4.25 Only As A Film 98350444. 4.40 Hip Hop New Style 6860402. 6.00 The Simpsons 78184857. 6.25 The Simpsons 78185276. 8.55 Ryan A Romance 1159591. 7.25 News 52488226. 7.55 Calendar Adrift 4024995. 8.00 Pabot Y Cwm 11867841. 8.25 Caroleau O Langollen 5026421. 9.30 Florida Newsworld O Fyw 15040808. 10.00 What The Butler Saw 98888266. 11.05 Teachers Christmas Special 47401570. 12.10 The West Wing 23416829. 1.00 What We Still Don't Know 74753754. 2.05 Twentieth Century Greatest 44971174. 3.00 The Media 4897464. 3.55 Ed 63705208. 4.40 Third Watch 40643636. 5.30-6.35 Close

- 6.00 MILKSHAKE!** 6827711. 8.35 Film: Wishbone's Dog Days Of The West (1998) (See Guide) 88430402. 10.15 Ice Cream Machine 8448518. 10.25 Roobarb 8422570. 10.35 Sunset Beach 2431518. 11.30 Property Dreams 3417421. 12.30 Home And Away (Rpt) 2745957.
- 1.00 FAMILY AFFAIRS** (Rpt) (T) 3747686. 1.35 House Doctor (Rpt) (T) 5861353. 2.10 News (T) 95493976. 2.15 Love Cruise: The Maiden Voyage 9535537.

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- 3.10 SURPRISE WEDDING** (T) 4412131. 4.05 Trading Spouses (Rpt) (T) 7085995. 5.00 Charmed (Rpt) 1645583. 5.55 News (T) 6741082. 6.00 Home And Away (T) 8260155. 6.30 Family Affairs (T) 4565547. 7.00 Dumber And Dumber 4738315. 7.25 Swag (Rpt) 3595063. 7.55 News (T) 2941518.
- 8.00 DIANA'S WILL** The problems spawned by Princess Diana's will (Rpt) (T) 4851605.
- 9.00 CSI: MIAMI** Delko is blamed for destroying evidence in a murder case (Rpt) (T) 4831841.
- 10.00 CSI: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION** (Rpt) (T) 5374845.
- 10.55 CRIME SCENE ACADEMY** (T) 5936841. 11.25 Boomtown 1402605. 12.25 Arrest And Trial (T) 7228938. 1.15 NBA 64910280. 3.50 FIM World Supercross 8742377. 4.40-6.00 Argentinian Football (Rpt) 55111613.



MIKE WARD WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH

WITH Santa on his merry old way, is the prospect of Christmas bringing a smile to your face? Are you brimming with festive spirit? Right, well we can soon put a stop to that. Just tune in tonight to Ho-ho-Holby City (BBC1, 8pm) - trust me, it'll drag you back down in next to no time. For starters, things turn doubly sour between Mubbs and Rosie. First, it turns out he's

told his parents pretty much bog-al about her, such as the fact she's been married before and the fact she has two kids. Oh, and the fact that she's expecting his baby. Second, she sees him nattering with Chrissie at the Christmas bash and jumps to all kinds of damaging conclusions. Still, you can think of more depressing Crimbo storylines, right? Yeah, well, so can the

writers because elsewhere Tricia's chum Maggie is told she only has days to live. All of which should leave you in just the right frame of mind for Grumpy Old Women At Christmas (BBC2, 9pm). It features famous names such as Janet Street-Porter, Linda Robson, Jenny Eclair and Sheila Hancock having a right old whinge about the festive season's downside.

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ITV1 MERIDIAN

As ITV1 London except: 3.05 Meridian News, Weather 4481792. 5.30 A Brush With The Wild. Anika Rice meets the animals at Marwell Zoo, while Christine Hamilton learns how to paint a wildlife picture in just one day 179. 6.00 Meridian Tonight 792. 7.30 Coastal Ways. Film portrait of Bembridge on the Isle of Wight in high summer, an ideal stopping place for those who enjoy old-fashioned seaside pleasures 228. 8.00-9.00 The Bill. Amber Johansson is the talk of the Christmas party when she kisses a barmaid in front of her colleagues, humiliating Steve Hunter 6957.

ITV1 WESTCOUNTRY

As ITV1 London except: 3.05 West Country News. Regional news from across the south west, with the latest weather forecast 4481792. 5.30 Zoo Story. Ruth Langford narrates a programme lifting the lid on the work of the Wildlife Conservation Trust with a focus on a 12foot-long female python who has laid 40 eggs 179. 6.00 West Country Live 792. 7.30-8.00 The Bargain Hunters. Car boot game show presented by Alison Johns and David Rolfe. This week's sale is held in a multi-storey car park in Bristol. Darren and Debbie Jones take up the challenge 228.

ITV1 ANGLIA

ITV1 London except: 3.05 Anglia News, Weather 4481792. 5.30 Winter Wonderland. Helen McDermott counts down to Christmas by travelling to various cities across Europe. Today, she discovers how they celebrate the festive season in Stockholm 179. 6.00 Anglia Tonight. News, features and sport from around the east of England. Presented by Caroline Oldrey 792. 7.30-8.00 Life's A Beach. The summer season in the resort of Great Yarmouth. It's Hawaiian shirts all round for men's night at the races. Can Ellie conquer her nerves before opening night at the circus? 228.

ITV1 CENTRAL

As ITV1 London except: 3.05 Central News, Weather, Liffeline. All the latest regional news and weather 4481792. 5.30 Our House. In this edition, Sally goes to Sherwood Forest and meets an Italian who loves playing Robin Hood in his unique home 179. 6.00 Central News At Six. Weather. Early evening news from around the Midlands. Followed by Central Weather 792. 7.30-8.00 Living Genius. Series celebrating the achievements of Midlands folk. Featuring design and technology, including scientists in Malvern who have invented a revolutionary security system 228.

ITV1 WEST

As ITV1 London except: (Wales: 2.05 Good Afternoon Wales 6010131). 3.05 West/Wales News, Weather. 4481792. 5.30 Children's Ward. Fly-on-the-wall documentary series about life at Bristol Royal Hospital. Five-year-old Edward Thomas undergoes eye surgery to correct his squint 179. (Wales: 5.30 Christmas Past 179). 6.00 West/West News, Weather 792. 7.30-8.00 The Bargain Hunters. Car boot game show presented by Alison Johns. This week's sale is held in a multi-storey car park in Bristol. Darren and Debbie Jones take up the challenge 7.30-8.00 Horatio's Holiday 228.)

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6.00 THE SHARON OSBOURNE SHOW 91112. 7.00 Kong 65911. 7.30 Batman 27976. 8.00 Yu-Gi-Oh! Waking The Dragons 81537. 8.30 Pokémon Advanced Challenge 80908. 9.00 Futurama (T) 64960. 9.30 Malcolm In The Middle (T) 32173. 10.00 World Wrestling Entertainment: The Bottom Line 16860. 11.00 Family Guy (T) 26624. 11.30 Camera Trap (T) 27353. 12.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse (T) 97696. 1.00 Jake 2.0. Jake tries to stop an electromagnetic bomb being detonated in Washington DC (T) 82614. 2.00 Relic Hunter. The grandson of a man framed for murder 70 years ago persuades Sydney to locate Al Capone's diamond-encrusted gun (T) 81439. 3.00 Family Guy. After a near-death experience, Peter learns the importance of spending time with Lois (T) 1334. 3.30 Camera Trap (T) 6995. 4.00 Futurama. Fry and the crew go on a tour of the Slurm factory (T) 5402. 4.30 Malcolm In The Middle. Hal worries about getting the boys to behave while Lois is at her book club (T) 1686. 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Riker is suspected of murdering a respected scientist who had accused him of seducing his wife (T) 2686. 6.00 Brainiac: Science Abuse (Rpt) (T) 86570.



GOLDENBALLS: David, 11pm

7.00 THE SIMPSONS A stranger claims that Principal Skinner is an imposter (T) 3315.
7.30 THE SIMPSONS Feeling unloved and unwanted by her husband and children, Marge seeks counselling from a radio psychologist who tells her to straighten out Homer or dump him (T) 2315.
8.00 STARGATE SG-1 34131.
9.00 STARGATE ATLANTIS Major Sheppard pits himself against soldiers who have captured Weir and McKay 54995.
10.00 ULTIMATE SCI FI TOP 10: ALIENS The top 10 scariest aliens ever created (T) 57082.
11.00 WHO ARE THE BECKHAMS? Journalist Jane Moore asks the question Who Are The Beckhams? She analyses them, the media that love them and our expectations of Britain's first couple (T) 24889.
12.00 COLD CASE A recent murder leads Ruth to investigate a suspicious death from 1992 (T) 97984. 1.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (Rpt) (T) 7715464. 1.50 Jake 2.0. Jake tries to stop an electromagnetic bomb being detonated in Washington DC (Rpt) (T) 9392716. 2.40 ER. Greene shares final memories with his father (Rpt) 4846071. 3.30 ER. Dr Weaver encounters sloppiness, incorrect diagnoses and improper procedures among the ER staff 9970006. 4.20 Kong (Rpt) 65496483. 4.45 Batman (Rpt) 63423984. 5.10 Yu-Gi-Oh! Waking The Dragons (Rpt) 8913613. 5.35-6.00 Pokémon Advanced Challenge (Rpt) 6958648.

WISHBONE'S DOG DAYS OF THE WEST (TVM, 1998) * Five, 8.35-10.15am.** Family adventure. The dog who can travel back in time is in the Wild West.

MY FAVORITE MARTIAN (1999) * ITV1, 9.25-11.00am.** Sci-fi comedy. Martian Christopher Lloyd causes chaos when he goes to live with TV producer Jeff Daniels.

D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS (1995) * BBC1, 10.50am-12.30pm.** Sports comedy sequel. Lawyer Emilio Estevez recruits a team of young misfit ice hockey players and coaches them to success.

SINBAD AND THE EYE OF THE TIGER (1977) * C4, 11.55am-2.00pm.** Fantasy adventure. Hero Patrick Wayne frees a city from evil enchantment.

A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS (1937) b/w * BBC2, 12.15-1.55pm.** Vintage musical. American dancing star Fred Astaire falls in love with aristocratic Englishwoman Joan Fontaine.

SKY WEST AND CROOKED (1966) * BBC2, 1.55-3.35pm.** Melodrama. Unlikely romance blossoms between mentally retarded young village girl Hayley Mills and gypsy Ian McShane.

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STAR RATINGS

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JACK THE GIANT KILLER (1961) * C4, 2.00-3.45pm.** Fantasy. Farmer's son Kerwin Matthews rescues princess Judi Meredith from a giant.

MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND (1996) * BBC1, 2.15-3.45pm.** Family comedy. The Muppets set sail to find buried treasure. Starring Tim Curry.

REMEMBER THE TITANS (2000) * BBC1, 3.45-5.30pm.** Fact-based sports drama. African-American football coach Denzel Washington must overcome hostility from colleagues and players alike.

ZULU DAWN (1979) * BBC2, 7.05-9.00pm.** Fact-based sequel. The growing tension between British troops and Zulus results in a bloody battle.

WITNESS (1985) *** BBC1, 11.15pm-1.05am.** Thriller. Policeman Harrison Ford goes into hiding with a young Amish boy who has witnessed a brutal murder. Co-starring Kelly McGillis.

THE BOXER (1997) * ITV1, 12.05-1.55am.** Drama. Ex-IRA man Daniel Day Lewis returns to Dublin to rebuild his life after 14 years behind bars. Co-starring Emily Watson and Gerald McSorley.

RATCATCHER (1999) ** BBC2, 12.20-1.50am. Drama. 12-year-old William Earle, haunted by a terrible secret, finds solace in a world of his own on the banks of a canal.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME (2000) * C4, 1.00-2.50am.** Drama. Single mother Laura Linney has problems with her employer and her feckless brother who comes to see her hoping to borrow some money. Co-starring Rick Ruffalo.

THE SATANIC RITES OF DRACULA (1973) * BBC1, 1.05-2.35am.** Shocker. Christopher Lee's blood drinker is masquerading as a mysterious tycoon in London, but vampire hunter Peter Cushing is still on his trail.

ALAN FRANK

FILMFOUR

6.00 THE TITFIELD THUNDERBOLT (1953) Ealing comedy, starring Stanley Holloway 6514686

8.00 ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK (1981) Cult action thriller, starring Kurt Russell and Lee Van Cleef 6519131

10.00 KIDS (1995) Bleak drama, starring Leo Fitzpatrick and Justin Pierce 3308537

11.30 LARRY CLARK INTERVIEW The director Larry Clark talks about his work and latest film Ken Park 3099402

11.50 BULLY (2001) Controversial drama, starring Brad Renfro 37318570

2.10 FOUR DAYS IN SEPTEMBER (1997) Fact-based drama, starring Alan Arkin 2168551

4.00 THE BURMESE HARP (1956) War drama, starring Rentaro Mikuni 3437938

6.00 CLOSE

SKY MOVIES 1

6.00 Spooky House (1999) 98792 8.00 Xmas On Sky Movies 74247 **8.30 Tuck Everlasting (2002) 67012247 10.05 The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course (2002) 41281112 11.40 Spooky House (1999) 59016976 1.40 Dragonworld (1993) 5893421 3.10 Escape From Wildcat Canyon (1998) 54066266 4.50 The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course (2002) 32079976 6.25 Tuck Everlasting (2002) 89594173 8.00 X-Men 2 (2003) Science fiction, starring Hugh Jackman 55533518 **10.20 About Schmidt (2001) Drama 80798334 12.30 Just Cause (1995) 640445 2.15 UK Top Ten 91261 2.45 The Butcher Boy (1997) 784700 4.40-6.30 Malaika (1997) 92235396****

SKY MOVIES 2

6.15 I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (2001) 84945247 8.00 Gentle Ben: Terror On The Mountain (2002) 45704745 9.35 The Prince And The Pauper (2000) 18553537 11.20 Black Knight (2001) 51479112 1.00 Gentle Ben: Terror On The Mountain (2002) 49719131 2.35 The Prince And The Pauper (2000) 27533247 **4.15 Black Knight (2001) 19994889 6.00 I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (2001) 54179 7.30 Sky Movies News 1781 8.00 25th Hour (2002) 55544624 10.15 Signs (2001) Thriller 483957 12.05 Domestic Disturbance (2001) 847808 1.40 Legends Of The Fall (1994) 90062445 **4.00-5.40 Emmanuelle 2000: Intimate Encounters (2000) 509087****

SKY CINEMA 1

6.00 The Killing (1956) 4906131 7.30 The Lodger (1926) Thriller 91571518 **8.50 Mr Smith Goes To Washington (1939) Drama 46804024 11.05 A Matter Of Life And Death (1946) 37337941 1.05 The Diary Of Anne Frank (1959) Drama 58633686 **4.00 The Killing (1956) Thriller 91258773 5.45 Mr Smith Goes To Washington (1939) Drama 80426518 **8.00 A Matter Of Life And Death (1946) Fantasy, starring David Niven 7110976 **10.00 The Innocents (1961) Thriller, starring Deborah Kerr 9152792 **11.45 The House On Haunted Hill (1959) Horror 6641976 **1.05 The Lady Gambles (1949) Drama 8118358 **2.50-6.00 The Diary Of Anne Frank (1959) 27018822**************

SKY BOX OFFICE

Today's films on Sky Box Office Digital at various times throughout the day are: Shaun Of The Dead (2004), Bad Boys II (2003), Our House (2003), School Of Rock (2004), Starsky And Hutch (2004), Along Came Polly (2004), Butterfly Effect (2004), Girl Next Door (2004), My Boss's Daughter (2003), Passion Of The Christ (2004), 21 Grams (2003), House Of Sand And Fog (2003), Perfect Score (2003), Station Agent (2003), Welcome To The Jungle (2003), A Date With Tad Hamilton (2004), Wonderland (2003), Agent Cody Banks 2 (2004), Cat In The Hat (2003), Scooby-Doo 2 (2004), Calcium Kid (2004), Lost in Translation (2003)

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E4

2.00 WITHOUT A TRACE See 6pm 63366605
3.00 CAN YOU PULL... TARA? The show in which a starry-eyed fan tries to pull their favourite celebrity. This episode features Tara Palmer-Tomkinson 29438179
3.30 SMALLVILLE: SUPERMAN THE EARLY YEARS See 7pm 19219889
4.30 HOLLYOAKS Tony is still in Mandy's bad books after ruining the joy of Christmas for Tom 99103228
5.00 FRIENDS See 8pm 29433624
5.30 FRIENDS See 8.30pm 99127808
6.00 WITHOUT A TRACE The team searches for a journalist who goes missing after investigating a story on water pollution, and was last seen with his militant environmentalist girlfriend 81756995
7.00 SMALLVILLE: SUPERMAN THE EARLY YEARS Clark befriends a young boy whose brother dies of liver failure. Everyone is shocked when he reappears alive and well - until his liver starts failing again 10020228
8.00 FRIENDS The gang head for Vegas to support Joey in his big movie break 29439808
8.30 FRIENDS Monica and Chandler get lucky in the casino 29418315
9.00 BIG BROTHER PANTO Housemates from several series are reunited for a modern interpretation of the seasonal classic Cinderella 29201641
9.30 BIG BROTHER PANTO LIVE A chance to catch up with events in the Big Brother Panto apartment 81728112
10.00 MAX AND PADDY'S ROAD TO NOWHERE A speed camera is the catalyst for a string of bad luck 57910315
10.30 FILM: A LIFE LESS ORDINARY (1997) A hapless janitor, after he is sacked, kidnaps his boss's daughter, only to find that she is a willing participant in the exercise. Comedy, starring Ewan McGregor and Cameron Diaz 70685131
12.30 Curb Your Enthusiasm
1.05 Curb Your Enthusiasm
1.40 Hollyoaks 2.10
Hollyoaks On The Pull 2.20
Big Brother Panto 2.45 Curb Your Enthusiasm 3.20 Curb Your Enthusiasm 4.00 Close

BBC THREE

7.00 Little Angels 8.00 Three's Outtakes 8.30 Little Angels 9.00 Little Britain 9.30 Little Britain 10.00 EastEnders 10.30 BBC Three Christmas Musical: AD/BC With a comic twist, the Nativity is brought to life through the eyes of the innkeeper. Despairing after a bad year, he contemplates suicide but his attempt is stalled by a voice from above
11.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 11.30 Little Britain 12.30 Nighty Night 1.00 3 Non-Blondes 1.30 The Mighty Boosh 2.00 Swiss Toni 2.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 3.00 Little Britain 4.00 Close

SCI-FI

6.00 Ray Bradbury 7.00 Shopping 10.00 Quantum Leap 11.00 Lone Gunmen 12.00 Witchblade 1.00 The Pretender 2.00 Film: Captain Nemo And The Underwater City Fantasy (1969) 4.00 Quantum Leap 5.00 Ancient Prophecies 6.00 Witchblade 7.00 The Pretender 8.00 Film: Drop Dead Fred (1991) Comedy, starring Rik Mayall and Phoebe Cates 10.00 Film: Tremors 2: Aftershocks (1995) 11.55 Film: Creating The Perfect Man (2001) Adult 1.30 Film: Silent Rage (1982) 3.25 Ray Bradbury 3.55 Lexx 4.55-6.00 Tracker

BRAVO

9.00 Martin World Cup 10.00 VIP 11.00 Alias 12.00 When Games Attack 12.30 Gamer TV 1.00 Street Crime UK 1.30 Dumb Criminals 2.45 Seven Days 3.40 Strange Planet 4.30 Game-Pad 4 5.00 Gamer TV 5.30 When Games Attack 6.00 Knight Rider 7.00 VIP 8.00 Alias 9.00 Psychic Crime-Solvers 10.00 Booze Britain 10.30 NYPD 24/7 11.30 World Of Pain 12.00 Cops, Cars & Superstars 12.30 Laid Bare 1.00 Sin Cities 2 1.30 Jim Rose Twisted Tour 2.00 Special Forces: Green Berets 3.00 Close



DROP DEAD: Rik and Phoebe, Sci-Fi, 8pm

UKTV GOLD

**6.00 Waiting For God 6.35 Waiting For God 7.10 Waiting For God 7.50 Waiting For God 8.30 Waiting For God 9.10 Waiting For God 9.50 Miss Marple: A Pocketful Of Rye 12.00 Film: Carry On Up The Jungle (1970) Comedy 1.50 Keeping Up Appearances 2.30 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES Richard finds early retirement worrying - mainly because Hyacinth has lined up enough plans for his future to turn his twilight years into total misery 7934266
3.10 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES Hyacinth has to put her plans for Richard's retirement on hold 8244889
3.50 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES Hyacinth and Richard go to stay in a country cottage for a couple of days 1035549
4.30 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES Hyacinth makes some expensive holiday plans 2004537
5.10 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES Hyacinth puts everything into directing - and starting in - a pageant based on the Civil War 5057570
5.50 MY FAMILY Susan, Ben and the children travel to a family funeral in Leeds 9357228
6.30 FILM: CARRY ON MATRON (1972) A gang plans to raid a maternity hospital to steal a gigantic stock of birth-control pills. Comedy, starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques 11904082
8.20 AS TIME GOES BY Sandy has moved into the household. With daughter Judith also at home, Lionel finds himself surrounded by females and wonders if he has done the right thing by moving in 1723173
9.00 ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES The 1990 Christmas special. Romance has entered Del's life and Raquel has come to live at Nelson Mandela House 80462334
10.40 MY FAMILY See 5.50pm 1643709**

11.20 PORRIDGE Fletcher decides that Harris must be put on trial for stealing 7717808
12.00 One Foot In The Grave 12.40 Only Fools And Horses 2.10 Porridge 2.50 The Bill 3.45 Alistair McGowan's Big Impression 3.55 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet 5.00-6.00 Where The Heart Is

LIVINGTV

6.00 Home Shopping 6.30 Home Shopping 7.00 Elmo's World 7.15 Busy Buses 7.20 Busy Buses 7.25 Jungles 7.30 Molly's Gang 7.45 Titch 7.55 Barney And Friends 8.25 Hi-5 9.00 Celebrity Extra 9.05 The Nanny 9.35 The Nanny 10.05 Charmed 11.00 Charmed 12.00 Ricki Lake 12.50 6th Sense With Colin Fry 1.20 Crossing Over With John Edward 1.50 Will & Grace 2.20 Will & Grace 2.50 Everwood 3.45 The Hairdresser 4.15 Charmed 5.10 Charmed 6.05 America's Next Top Model 7.00 Will & Grace. Grace tries to help Karen through a crisis of confidence 7.30 Will & Grace 8.00 Queer Eye For The Straight Guy 9.00 Most Haunted Almost Live 11.00 Cold Squad 12.00 Sexotera 1.00 Jane Goldman Investigates 1.55 Crime And Punishment 2.50 Trash To Treasure 3.15 Trash To Treasure 3.40 Nelly: The Rise And Rise Of 4.25 Hollywood Star Treatment 4.45 Ricki Lake 5.30-6.00 Home Shopping

EXPRESS SHOPPING CHANNEL

(SKY 636, NTL 637) 8.00 Express Shopping Daytime 5.00 Paul Kennedy Designer Jewellery 6.00 Packs Of Value 7.00 Our Choice 9.00 Home Comforts 10.00 Home Electronics 11.00 Fashion For You 12.00 Close

TELEVISION X

(SKY 969) 10.00 Freeview 10.10 East Is East 10.30 Eat Me, Keep Me 11.00 Freeview 11.10 Kinky Kiwi Show 11.30 P'sy Malone 11.50 C'cks And Throbbles 12.00 Freeview 12.10 A Christmas Carol 12.30 Vice World 1.40 Flesh Peddlers 2.50 Puritan. Feature-length adult entertainment 4.10 Brats 5.30 Close

lifestyle telly

CHALLENGE

6.00 Teleshopping 7.00 House Of Games 7.30 Craziest Outdoor Outtakes 8.00 Crystal Maze 9.00 Fort Boyard Takes On The World 9.30 Guinness World Records 10.00 Takeshi's Castle Special 11.00 Sushi TV 11.30 Catchphrase 12.00 Winner Takes All 12.30 Blockbusters 1.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 2.00 TV Bloopers 3.00 Craziest Outdoor Outtakes 3.30 Sushi TV 4.00 Crystal Maze 5.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 6.00 Takeshi's Castle Special 7.00 Fort Boyard 8.00 Winner Takes All 8.30 Blockbusters 9.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 10.00 Celebrity Poker 11.30 Celebrity Poker Showdown 1.30 Guinness World Records 2.00 Fort Boyard Takes On The World 2.30 Drunken Businessmen 2.35 Top Trumps 3.05 Celebrity TV Bloopers 4.00 Crystal Maze 5.00 House Of Games 5.30-6.00 Teleshopping

HISTORY

9.00 World's Deadliest Aircraft 9.00 Tower Bridge 10.00 Targeted: Noriega - Pineapple Face 11.00 The Colour Of War: Clearing The Way 12.00 Great Crimes And Trials 12.30 Infamous Murders 1.00 The Secret Scroll And The Holy Grail 2.00 49th Parallel 4.25 Sutton Hoo 5.00 The Colour Of War: Clearing The Way 6.00 Kings And Queens 6.30 Bloody Crimes 7.00 The Bloody Tower Of London Documentary about the gruesome history of the Tower of London 8.00 Hell's Battlefield 9.00 Hitler's War 10.00 Cold Case Files 11.00 The Colour Of War: Clearing The Way 12.00 Warriors Of The Night 1.00 Northwest Passage 2.00 Close

DISCOVERY

6.00 Hunters 7.00 Extreme Machines 8.00 5th Gear 8.30 Coltrane's Planes And Automobiles 9.00 Aircraft Giants 10.00 Salvage Squad 11.00 American Chopper 12.00 21st Century Warship 1.00 Time Team 2.00 Battlefield 3.00 Spear Of Jesus 4.00 Weapons Of War 5.00 21st Century Warship 6.00 American Chopper 7.00 Time Team 8.00 Massive Machines 9.00 Extreme Engineering 10.00 Engineering The Impossible 11.00 Forensic Detectives 12.00 Trauma 1.00 Impact 2.00 Engineering The Impossible 3.00 Extreme Engineering 4.00 Massive Machines 5.00-6.00 Time Team

ITV 2

9.25 Coronation Street 9.55 Emmerdale 10.25 Sally Jessy Raphael 11.10 Judge Judy 12.30 Coronation Street 1.00 Emmerdale 1.30 Airline 2.00 Trisha 3.05 The John Walsh Show 3.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 4.35 Judge Judy 5.00 Movies Now 6.00 Dick Whittington. Simon Nye's version of the traditional panto, with an all-star cast 7.30 Creature Comforts 8.00 Abbanania 2 9.00 Film: Hostile Hostages (1994) A burglar takes a pair of bickering yuppie homeowners hostage when his attempted robbery goes wrong. Black comedy, starring Denis Leary 11.15 When Jordan Met Peter 11.45 American Idol Christmas Special 12.35 The Aviator: Premiere 1.05 Jerry Springer 1.45 Late Show With David Letterman 2.30 Teleshopping 4.30 ITV2 Nightscreen 5.10 Late Show With David Letterman 6.00 Close

ITV3

6.00 Survival 6.55 Peak Practice 7.50 Film File 8.00 Quincy 9.00 Chicago Hope 9.55 The Practice 10.55 LA Law 11.55 Survival 12.55 Movies Now 1.05 Quincy 2.05 The Practice 3.05 Chicago Hope 3.55 LA Law 4.55 Peak Practice 6.00 The Practice 6.55 Film File 7.05 Providence 8.00 Maigret 9.00 Karen Sisco 9.50 Film File 10.00 Midsomer Murders. When the founder of a nearby commune is murdered, DCI Barnaby is faced with an eccentric cast of suspects including an heiress, a psychic and a boy who has lost his tongue. Starring John Nettles 12.05 Chicago Hope 1.00 Maigret 2.05 Teleshopping 5.05-6.00 ITV3 Nightscreen

pop telly

MTV

Including at 12.00 UK Diary: Girls Aloud 12.30 Girls Aloud Top 5 1.00 Girls Aloud: The Show 2.00 Natasha Bedingfield: Diary 2.30 Top 5 Britney 3.00 Britney: In The Zone And Out All Night 4.00 Diary Of: Jessica Biel 4.30 Jessica's Blondest Moments 5.00 Newlyweds 5.30 Christina Stripped Live 6.00 Best of TRL Performances 2004 7.00 Gimme The Ball 7.30 Cribs: Whips, Rides And Dubs Edition II 8.00 Pimp My Ride 11.00 Top Buzzing 11.30-12.00 Motormouth

VH-1

Including at 10.20 4 Days Till Xmas 11.00 Top 20 Christmas Crackers 12.50 Top 10 Christmas Turkeys 2.00 Xmas Number Ones: 1980-2004 4.00 Planet Celebrity News 2004 Special 4.30 Xmas Number Ones: 1980-2004 6.30 Top 5 Christmas Turkeys 7.00 Nation's Favourite Xmas Song: Contenders 8.45 Robbie At Christmas 9.00 Top 10 Christmas Turkeys 9.35 Top 10 Christmas Crackers 10.25 Big In 2004 12.00-12.30 Orange Playlist

sporty telly

SKY SPORTS 1

6.00 REVISTA DE LA LIGA 68808
7.00 WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT: THE BOTTOM LINE 85112
8.00 GRAVITY GAMES H2O: TOW-IN SURFING
 Two teams of two competitors take on the waves joined together, in this dangerous form of surfing 86841
9.00 RACING NEWS All the day's racing news and top tips 69402
9.30 REVISTA DE LA LIGA Spanish football magazine 56131
10.30 FOOT MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL: CHARLTON ATHLETIC V FULHAM Another chance to see last night's Barclays Premiership match at The Valley 2767353
2.00 REVISTA DE LA LIGA Spanish football magazine 20599
3.00 WILD SPIRITS A look at the world of extreme sports 3889
3.30 WORLD MOTOR SPORT Motor sport magazine 40421
5.30 WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT: THE BOTTOM LINE The latest news and action presented by the Coach 18624
6.30 THE DOGS
 Highlights of the latest greyhound racing action, plus a look behind the scenes of the popular spectator sport 3529
7.00 FOOTBALL ASIA
 The official soundtrack for the Asian Football Confederation 8570
7.30 FOOTBALL LEAGUE: IPSWICH TOWN V WIGAN
ATHLETIC Live coverage of the Coca-Cola Championship clash between Ipswich Town and Wigan Athletic at Portman Road. This match, between two genuine title contenders, is likely to have far-reaching consequences in the race for promotion. Kick-off at 7.45pm 716228
10.00 SPANISH FOOTBALL: BARCELONA V LEVANTE Coverage from the Primera Liga as leaders Barcelona play host to Levante 48860
12.00 FOOTBALL ASIA
 The official soundtrack for the Asian Football Confederation 75808
12.30 FOOTBALL LEAGUE: IPSWICH TOWN V WIGAN
ATHLETIC Another chance to see this evening's match 78957
2.00 SPANISH FOOTBALL: BARCELONA V LEVANTE 21193
4.00 CLOSE

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00 AEROBICS: OZ STYLE 2794792 6.30
 Freeze Sports 5178711
7.00 MAX POWER 4443266
8.00 LIVE TEST CRICKET: SOUTH AFRICA V ENGLAND
 Coverage of day five of the First Test between South Africa and England from Port Elizabeth 7273957
4.00 LEGENDS OF CRICKET: JACK HOBBS 9477247
4.30 FOOTBALL ASIA 9466131
5.00 SPORTS ADVENTURE 8174315
5.30 WILD SPIRITS 9480711
6.00 GRAVITY GAMES H2O: TOW-IN SURFING 9889179
7.00 TEST CRICKET: SOUTH AFRICA V ENGLAND 2762976
10.00 SPORTS UNLIMITED 2933808
11.00 FREEZE SPORTS 3147808
11.30 GRAVITY GAMES H2O: TOW-IN SURFING 3262150
12.30 YACHTING 3944193
1.00 TEST CRICKET: SOUTH AFRICA V ENGLAND 5284209
4.00 BIKESPORT UK 1537396
5.00 YACHTING 4409822
5.30-6.00 DOGS 4409822

SKY SPORTS 3

11.00 RACING NEWS 3758247
11.30 AEROBICS: OZ Style 3758247
12.00 MAX POWER 7729565
1.00 FISHING: CARP SHOW 26008995
1.30 WILD SPIRITS 53529709
2.00 FREEZE SPORTS 48024889
2.30 KILLARNEY HISTORIC STAGES Rally 88551150
3.00 MAX POWER 73753792
4.00 GRAVITY GAMES H2O 73749599
5.00 FISHING: CARP SHOW 48008441
5.30 Rally 88562266
6.00 YACHTING 88569179
6.30 FREEZE SPORTS 88543131
7.00 POOL
 The World Pool Masters from the Netherlands 26647624
8.00 BIKESPORT UK
 Motorcycle magazine show 26623044
9.00 THE DOGS
 Highlights of the latest greyhound racing action, plus a look behind the scenes of the popular spectator sport 73781711
9.30 WILD SPIRITS A
 look at the world of extreme sports 78579024
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 Highlights of the latest greyhound racing action 54049315
12.00 CLOSE

AT THE RACES: Racing news from 9am-11.45pm

EUROSPORT

7.30 2004 X GAMES
 Highlights of the X Games 2004 from Los Angeles, with events such as skateboarding and extreme moto 34860
8.30 WATTS 70518
9.00 EUROGOALS
 In-depth magazine featuring a review of all the leagues on the continent, including highlights of all the best matches of the week 75686
10.00 GOOOOAL!
 The best goals of the month 1677529
10.15 LIVE ALPINE SKIING
 Coverage of the Women's World Cup Super-G from St Moritz, Switzerland 317808
11.45 WATTS Sports magazine 4435266
12.00 WATTS 74334
12.30 CYCLING: TOUR DE FRANCE 2004: INSIDE THE TOUR
 An inside look at this year's Tour de France, which was won in record-breaking style by American Lance Armstrong 28860
1.30 GYMNASTICS
 The Artistic Gymnastics World Cup Final from Birmingham 36889
2.30 EUROGOALS
 In-depth magazine featuring a review of all the leagues on the continent 88995
3.30 FOOTBALL: TEAM ZIDANE V TEAM RONALDO
 Action from the charity match played in Madrid 75247
5.00 RALLY
 Review of the 2004 world championship season 2537
6.00 EUROSPORT TOP 50 16808
7.00 BOXING 87247
8.00 LIVE BOXING 90711
10.00 FIGHT CLUB
 Magazine featuring combat sports 79402
11.30 BRITISH EUROSPORT NEWS REPORT 534334
11.45 DANCING 606179
12.45 CLOSE

MUTV

Including at 1.00 The Hard Men 1.15 Premier Classic 2.43 News Headlines 2.45 The Match 5.00 Kids In Kenya 6.00 News 6.15 Supermatch Shorts 6.30 Champions League Match 8.00 News 8.15 Supermatch Shorts 8.30-10.00 Premier Classic

EXTREME

Including at 5.50 Exposure 6.25 Goldie Lookin' Chain: Guns Don't Kill People, Rappers Do 6.30 Cactus Garden 7.00 FORE And Friends 7.30 Urban Freeflow 8.00 Ride Guide Mountainbike 8.30 Highways 9.00-10.00 Gumball 3000



Charlie Catchpole ...on last night's telly

YOU might have felt your heartstrings were being tugged during **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** (ITV1). Well, of course they were. It's that time of year when Scrooge himself comes over soppy and sentimental, and TV companies are well aware that the most hard-hearted viewer is prone to the Aaaah...factor. Writers Jeff Pope (who scripted the year's big 'feel-good' hit *Doc Martin*) and comedian Bob Mills manipulated our emotions with scant sense of shame. Each stage of the plot was laid out in advance – so illuminated, it's a wonder it didn't send the National Grid into meltdown. Colin (Robson Green) and Howard (Mark Benton) had

competed in one-upmanship ever since they were schoolboys. They married sisters Jackie and Maxine (Peake) and lived three doors away from each other. Colin revelled in having the prettier wife, plus three lovely children, the smarter car and now, the most flashy Christmas lights outside his house.

Nice

Howard's wife was on the plain side and the couple were childless. But Howard worked harder (at the transport depot where the brothers-in-law were both drivers), and was clearly an all-round nicer human being. When Howard rigged up some

lights of his own that were just a bit brighter, Colin sank into a childish sulk and proceeded to empty the family building society account to festoon their home with tackier illuminations. Relations seemed to have frozen solid when Howard got the foreman's job and became Colin's boss. Then the man who Colin sneeringly accused of having everything, discovered that he had something else – cancer. Even if your heart is as icy as a snowman's, the chances are that you'd have been wiping away a little tear at the inevitably happy ending. Best to pretend you felt a cold coming on.

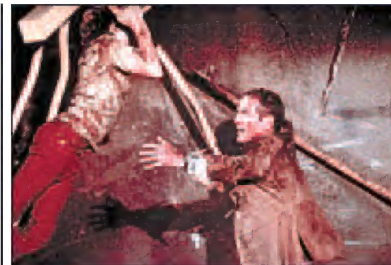
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DISNEY

6.00 The Little Mermaid
6.25 Aladdin 6.50 Hercules 7.10 House Of Mouse 7.35 Lilo And Stitch
8.00 Film: Winnie The Pooh And Christmas Too (1991) Pooh and his pals from Hundred Acre Wood go to the North Pole on Christmas Eve to sort out their Christmas presents
8.25 Film: Mickey's Christmas Carol (1983) Disney version of the Charles Dickens classic
8.55 Recess 9.15 Kim Possible 9.40 Lizzie McGuire 10.05 That's So Raven 10.30 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter 11.00 Film: I'll Be Home For Christmas (1998) A selfish college boy's struggle to make it home in time for the holidays becomes a voyage of self-discovery – and teaches him the true meaning of Christmas. Starring Jonathan Taylor Thomas and Jessica Biel
12.25 Lizzie McGuire 3.40 That's So Raven 7.00 Film: 'Twas The Night (2002) Yuletide children's tale, starring Josh Zuckerman
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PARAMOUNT

9.00 Kate And Allie 9.30 Cheers 10.00 Married With Children 10.30 3rd Rock From The Sun 11.00 Ned And Stacey 11.30 Dharma And Greg 12.00 M*A*S*H 12.30 M*A*S*H 1.00 3rd



HOT STUFF: Steve McQueen, TCM, 9pm

Rock From The Sun 1.30 Ellen 2.00 Ally McBeal 3.00 Ned And Stacey 3.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 4.00 Soap 4.30 Minder 5.30 Becker 6.00 Frasier 6.30 Roseanne 7.00 M*A*S*H 7.30 M*A*S*H 8.00 Seinfeld. Elaine meets an old boyfriend and finds herself becoming attracted to him when she sees how much weight he has lost since they were dating
8.30 Becker 9.00 That 70s Show 9.30 Frasier 10.00 Frasier 10.30 Sex And The City 11.05 Ally McBeal 12.05 Kate And Allie 12.35 Sex And The City 1.10 Ally McBeal 2.05 Cheers 2.35 Taxi 3.00 Linc's 3.30 Shock Jock 4.00 Close

NICKELODEON

6.00 Arthur 6.30 The Three Friends... And Jerry 7.00 All Grown Up! 7.30 Nickelmas Advent Calendar 8.00 Fairly Odd Parents 8.30 Drake And Josh 9.00 All Grown Up! 9.30 All Grown Up! 10.30 All Grown Up! 11.00 All Grown Up! 12.00 All Grown Up! 1.00 All Grown Up! 2.00 All Grown Up!

TROUBLE

7.00 Two Guys And A Girl 7.25 Celebrity Extra 7.30 Two Guys And A Girl 8.00 Celebs 8.25 Celebrity Extra 8.30 Celebs 9.00 The Parkers 9.30 The Parkers 10.00 Run Of The House 11.00 Grounded For Life 12.00 The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air 12.30 The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air 1.00 It's All Relative 1.30 It's All Relative 2.00 One On One 3.00 Run Of The House 4.00 The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air 5.00 My Wife And Kids 6.00 Eve 7.00 The Parkers 7.55 Celebrity Extra 8.00 Grounded For Life 9.00 One On One 9.55 Celebrity Extra 10.00 My Wife And Kids 10.55 Celebrity Extra 11.00 Eve 11.55 Celebrity Extra 12.00 It's All Relative 12.55 Celebrity Extra 1.00 Close

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REALITY STARS STRUTTING THEIR STUFF IN PANTO



WHAT A PAIR: Nadia, left, with Heartbeat's Geoffrey Hughes and, right, magical Debbie McGee and Paul Daniels



Thigh say!

THE traditional Christmas panto is getting a reality check this year with a host of fly-on-the-wall TV stars flocking to tread the boards at a theatre near YOU. Reality TV shows like Big Brother and X-Factor have been huge hits, turning hundreds of complete unknowns into household names.

So much so, they're now taking centre stage to camp it up in

by VICKY LISSAMAN

thigh-slapping festive style. With the official Big Brother panto series starting on Channel 4 today, the dramas have already begun with the show's stars squabbling over parts.

Blonde big mouth Jade Goody, 23, has stirred up trouble by insisting she plays the part of Cinderella and lesbian Kitten Pinder, 24, and hardman Victor Ebuwa, 23, have come to blows over who's going to play Buttons.

But even for those who haven't made it on to the TV version, there are still plenty of opportunities across the country. Here we take a look at which reality stars will be swapping TV for wigs and war paint:

Michelle Bass
SAUCY Michelle, 23, who starred in Big Brother 5, will be playing the princess in Aladdin in St Albans, Hertfordshire. The sexy Geordie will pull on a long frock and sparkly tiara to play her.

Claire Sweeney
SCOUSER Claire, 32, who won votes with her team-making skills in Celebrity Big Brother, will be treating audiences to an eyeful of her shapely thighs when she steps up to play the principal boy in Aladdin at Wimbledon Theatre.

Brendan Cole
DANCER Brendan, 28, who shot to fame as Natasha Kaplinski's partner in the first series of Strictly Come Dancing, plays Prince Charming in Cinderella in Halifax. But charming he's not - he reduced Casualty star Sarah Manners, 29, to tears in series two.



SHY PRINCESS: Michelle Bass

Craig Philips
Winner of Big Brother 1 Craig will be starring in Aladdin in Southport. Scouser Craig, 32, began his career as a handyman so will have had plenty of practice in buffing things up.

Cameron Stout
Big Brother 4 winner Cameron, 33, is performing in Snow White in Aberdeen but he's an odd choice to play Prince Charming, having admitted on BB that he'd never been all the way with a woman - ever!

Penny Ellis
Big Brother's batty bird Penny, 35, the ex school-teacher who bared her boobs in the second series, is playing a character called Katy Cucumber in Jack and the Beanstalk in Porthcawl.

Joe Pasquale
Panto bosses at Birmingham Hippodrome will no doubt be rubbing their hands together with glee after securing King of the Jungle Joe, 43, to play Jack in Jack and the Beanstalk.



CHARMER: Brendan Cole with BBC's Stacey Cadman

LADY WITH THE LAMP: Principal boy Claire Sweeney is sure to be popular when she shows off her pins as Aladdin

Nadia Almada
Sex-change Portu-geezer Nadia, 27, who won Big Brother 5, will make a stunning mermaid in Peter Pan in Southampton.

Alison Hammond
Roly-poly Brummie Alison, 29, an early reject of Big Brother 3, plays the Lilac Fairy in Sleeping Beauty in Telford, Shropshire - while pregnant!

Paul Daniels and Debbie McGee
Muck-raking stars of The Farm, Paul, 63, and his wife (the lovely) Debbie, 45, will be working their magic on panto fans in Beauty and the Beast at Hayes in Middlesex.

Andy Steed
X-Factor's Andy, 24, will be appearing as the genie of the lamp in Aladdin in Telford. Looks like Scouser Andy will be gone in a puff of smoke after this, just like he was on X-Factor.

Marc Dillon
Pop Idol 2 star Marc, 24, survived the tongue lashings of Simon Cowell - so he should have no problem with the lively panto audiences at The Hawth in Crawley, where he plays Prince Charming in Cinderella.



ALL STALK: Jungle king Joe Pasquale will play Jack

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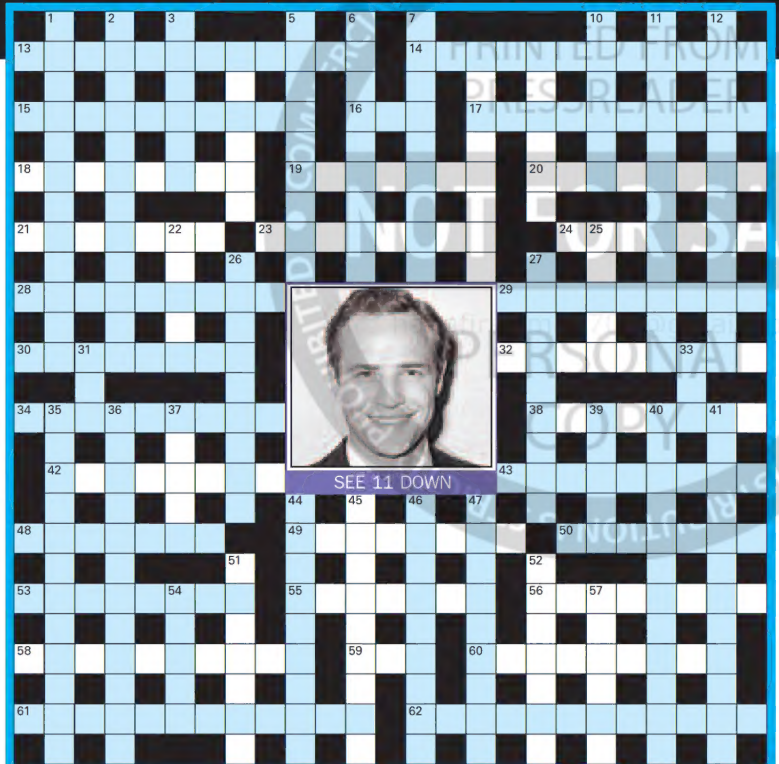
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JUMBO crossword

- ACROSS:
- Coronation Street setting (12)
 - EastEnders' Lisa Fowler (4,8)
 - He played Terry Collier in The Lively Lads (5,5)
 - George Gershwin's brother (3)
 - Maria and Kirk's surname in Coronation Street (10)
 - Acclimatise (6,2)
 - Return to a former state (7)
 - Hamlet's castle (8)
 - Former Turkish empire (7)
 - Drug in cigarettes (8)
 - Roman wall-builder (7)
 - David, US talk show host (9)
 - Former Family Fortunes presenter (3,6)
 - William Shatner sci-fi show from the 60s (4,4)
 - 2nd floor luxury apartment (9)
 - Life and Loves of a She-Devil author (3,6)
 - Short battle (8)
 - Gilt-covered decorative fabric (4,4)
 - The Stone, Michael Douglas film (9)
 - Show, former BBC fashion programme (7)
 - Clapping (8)
 - Bananas in ____, children's programme (7)
 - Leslie ____, EastEnders' Dirty Den (8)
 - After all additions (2,5)
 - Homer's epic (3,5)
 - Awaiting claim (2,3,5)
 - Old Testament priest (3)
 - Austrian ski resort (9)
 - Wipeout presenter (3,9)
 - Channel 4 chat show host (6,6)
- DOWN:
- US programme for pre-school children (6,6)
 - Janet ____, former TV 'yoof' presenter (6-6)
 - Mill, BBC Birmingham studios (6)
 - Not linked to the internet (3-4)
 - Wandering Star singer (3,6)
 - Paul ____, alias Jim Hacker (9)
 - Sitcom with John Alderton (6,3)
 - Biological community (9)
 - Assisted criminally (7)
 - BBC hospital drama series about student nurses (6)
 - He played The Godfather's Don Corleone (Photo) (6,6)
 - Victoria Wood's sitcom set in a works canteen (12)
 - Laundry dryer (5)
 - Accounts check (5)
 - Softly, Softly ____, classic police series (4,5)
 - Tomorrow's World host (5,4)
 - Questions, veteran Radio 4 current affairs programme (3)
 - Geller, spoon-bender (3)
 - Former Come Dancing host (6,6)
 - Kenneth ____, 1966 World Cup commentator (12)
 - Northern French city (5)
 - Sophia Loren's country (5)
 - 999 presenter (7,5)
 - EastEnders' Robbie's sister (5,7)
 - Hutch of Starsky and Hutch (5,4)
 - Splashed (9)
 - Alan ____, Steve Coogan character (9)
 - Richard ____, Robin's Nest star (9)
 - Fellow-feeling (7)
 - Pupil at famous college (7)
 - Paul ____, Crocodile Dundee star (5)
 - Receding (6)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

NAME GAME

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- ACROSS
- Very happy to be jumping like a cow? (4,3,4)
 - Wooden key holder (3)
 - Stormy butler, not completely unbalanced! (9)
 - Cut, we hear, in front of a steam-bath (5)
 - Take steps to destroy garden visitors! (5)
 - Take the wrapping off United Nations party (4)
 - Music that's part of policeman's life? (4)
 - Mop has treated nothing with a soapy preparation (7)
 - Sounds like one who yearns for land? (4)
 - Could it slip as Number One? (4)
 - Celebration heard a lot at Westminster! (5)
 - Material dug from the ground, looking back (5)
 - Hand-out that can be cultivated (9)
 - What's in favour of one on the golf-course? (3)

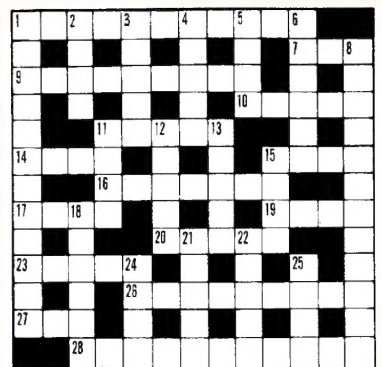
- DOWN
- Steadily improving with rise after rise? (2,3,2-3-2)
 - Tea-carrier reportedly will profit from his job (4)
 - Can Conservative leader be drawn into genuine ceasefire? (5)
 - Pilot will do this to escape trouble (5)
 - They may make a meal that's wild for youths! (4)
 - Character that takes you back to the wild (6)
 - Group practice at fitness farm! (6,6)
 - Model has to ask a question (4)
 - Mark of quality in a collection? (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: ACROSS - 1 Debt, 3 Accident, 9 Sustain, 10 Ample, 11 All or nothing, 13 Cut off, 15 Urgent, 17 Nothing to say, 20 Aided, 21 Gym-slip, 22 Monogram, 23 Heat, DOWN - 1 Distance, 2 Basil, 4 Canyon, 5 In a short time, 6 Expense, 7 Tier, 8 Hair of the dog, 12 Stays put, 14 Trodden, 16 Enigma, 18 Solve, 19 Calm.

- 13 It's great for petrol! (5)
- 15 Sort of stocking that can be heavenly! (4)
- 18 It's chancy shooting at this (6)
- 21 Notice one in pound having to improvise (2-3)
- 22 Child demands a pound - and that's the lot! (5)
- 24 Thousand request disguise (4)
- 25 High spot, it's said, for a dog (4)
- QUICK CLUES
- ACROSS
- Ecstatic (4,3,4)
 - Remains of fire (3)
 - Unruly, agitated (9)
 - Steam bath (5)
 - Nuisances (5)
 - Unwrap (4)
 - Thrash (4)
 - Liquid for cleaning carpet (7)
 - Land measurement (4)

- 19 Record (4)
- 20 Birthday celebration (5)
- 23 Strong cotton cloth (5)
- 26 Plot of land rented for cultivation (9)
- 27 Paid sportsman (3)
- 28 To pretend or enact a fantasy (4,7)
- DOWN
- Progressing towards even greater success (2,3,2-3-2)
 - Work for (4)
 - Agreed ceasefire (5)
 - Tooust (5)
 - Seeds of cereal grass (4)
 - Disposition or temperament (6)
 - Surgery of group medical practice (6,6)
 - Sit for portrait (4)
 - Bang one's foot down (5)
 - Outstanding, excellent (5)
 - Torso of human (4)
 - Haphazard, irregular (6)
 - Improvise on stage (2-3)
 - The sum (5)
 - Disguise for the face (4)
 - Small breed of dog (4)

Two sets of clues, but the answers are the same
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